

Application No. 10/817,621

Remarks

The section of Applicants' January 23, 2006 Amendment regarding the amendments to the claims has been rewritten to identify the status of the canceled claims in parenthesis as "(Canceled)". It is believed that the January 23, 2006 Amendment is in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (4). The enclosed rewritten claims section presents all of the claims in ascending numerical order. Also, in this rewritten claims section, the status of Claims 23 and 24, which were formerly new, is identified as "(Previously presented)", per MPEP 714 IIC(A).

This response to the January 30, 2006 Notice of Non-compliant Amendment is being faxed to the US Patent & Trademark Office on February 2, 2006, which is well within one month of the mail date of the notice. No fee is believed to be due.

Applicants would be pleased to supply additional information, if needed. It is requested that the January 23, 2006 Amendment with the enclosed rewritten claims section be considered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner, and that the claims as amended be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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